

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1194**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Oropeza**

February 22, 2005

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An act to add Section 13113.6 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to public safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1194, as introduced, Oropeza. Entertainment: emergency exits.

(1) Existing law requires the State Fire Marshal to prepare and adopt regulations establishing minimum requirements for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire and panic in, among other things, any assembly occupancy where 50 or more persons may gather together in a building, room, or structure for the purpose of amusement, entertainment, instruction, deliberation, worship, drinking or dining, awaiting transportation, or education.

This bill would require that any person, as specified, that owns, rents, leases, or manages a facility, as defined, that charges admission to a performance of live entertainment make an announcement of the availability of emergency exits prior to the beginning of the live entertainment. Because a violation of this provision would be a misdemeanor, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program by creating a new crime.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 13113.6 is added to the Health and  
2     Safety Code, to read:  
3     13113.6. (a) Any person, or public or private firm,  
4     organization, or corporation, that owns, rents, leases, or manages  
5     a facility that charges admission to a performance of live  
6     entertainment shall make an announcement of the availability of  
7     emergency exits prior to the beginning of the live entertainment.  
8     (b) As used in this section, “facility” means a building or  
9     portion of a building having an assembly room with an  
10    occupancy load of less than 1,000 persons and a legitimate stage  
11    for the gathering together of 50 or more persons as defined  
12    pursuant to Division 2 of Section 303.1.1 of Title 24 of the  
13    California Code of Regulations (California Building Code of  
14    2001).  
15    SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
16    Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
17    the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
18    district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
19    infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the  
20    penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section  
21    17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a  
22    crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the  
23    California Constitution.